

CHUGIAK DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION
BOD MEETING, December 20, 2011
7:00 PM CDMA Clubhouse
Hotline 689-7899 website: www.chugiakdogmushers.com

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Val Jokela, Jackie Fabrizio, Greg Rhyne, Tom Schonberger, Susan Cantor, Lois Rockcastle

Old Business

Treasurer Report: \$19,422.58 bank balance.

Signage Plan & GIS: project has expanded to include military trails and signage, so it will take a little longer, but worth it and it will be long awaited completed project. Alan has put up a lot of signs already...needs more volunteer assistance to finish the project!-Want to talk to signage/trail committee- Alan Peck, Eric Rogers-Ft Rich boundary lines turned over to Eric/Alan.

Alaska SleddogTour Proposal: did not appear at meeting.

CDMA By-Laws: Barbara explained and discussed having by-laws aligned with State of Alaska requirements for a not-for-profit corporation. Barbara Trost will distribute via Club Secretary on 12/22/11 to be voted on at the January 3, 2012 General Membership meeting.

BOD Membership: the issue of inactive Board Members continues to be raised for discussion. Question: does it make sense to make changes with only 90 days remaining prior to elections or appoint a couple of members to complete the season as we are short handed.

CDMA Merchandise: Brenda Keller is available to meet people at the Clubhouse if you want to purchase CDMA clothing for holiday gifts. Merchandise is also on sale at Club events.

CDMA Operations: reminder from the President that we need to post the timelines and spreadsheets regarding CDMA operations to make certain all facets of club operations are aligned and ready for the season.

New Business

Membership: Susan Cantor to assume responsibility for this function. Membership forms are available at the Clubhouse and posted to the website.

State of Alaska Animal Care Standards: next meeting January 5, 2012. This is the second meeting relative to Working Dogs.

Chugiak 50/32: consensus to promote this as a good tune up for the Rondy as well as a fun mid-distance race. Need volunteers for this event and the Mushing 36/20. Please contact Kurt at valkur@mtaonline.net.

Eagle River Classic, Business Persons Race and Annual Banquest: a number of people weighed in on current plans and indicated areas requiring additional help. Will be asking members to assist at the January 3 meeting.

Senior Points Races and purebred Make up Races: consensus is to make up one points race for only purebreds

Fun Night Race: scheduled for December 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM. There will be 1, 2, 3 dogs and no classes. Everyone draws for position at the same time following sign ups.

Purebred Races: the following is an addendum to previous minutes on the races for Purebreds- Purebred 5 dog goes out after 6 and pays same entry fee/purse separate, open class same entry fee-and 8 dog goes out afterwards with separate purse.—need to correct 10 dog open class. This issue will be explored next season when race purses and fees are established and voted on.

Ideas for next race season: for the *points races*, ask Norm and Jeff to take the lead to organize all events. Contract with groomer in advance of the season and have a definite plan in place to make decisions on trail conditions relative to races.

Odds and Ends: (1) need to replace lighting fixture in Tower; (2) add the 32 race to the website; (3) advertise races on Sleddog Central.